



By the King and Queen, A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For Encouraging Mariners and Seamen to Enter themselves on Their Majesties Ships of War.

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WE being desirous to give all due Encouragement to all such able Seamen as have not been in Our Service the last Year, (or being in the Service have been regularly Discharged therefrom) who shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation. And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all such Seamen as either have already since the fifteenth of January last Voluntarily Entered themselves, or shall, before the Twentieth of March next, Voluntarily Enter themselves with a Commission or Warrant Officer of any of Their Majesties Ships, or with a Justice of Peace or Chief Magistrate of a Corporation, to Serve on Board any of Their Majesties Ships of the First, Second or Third Rates, or of the Fourth Rate of Sixty Guns and upwards, and shall actually appear on Board the Ship for which they shall so Enter themselves by the Second of April next, and whose Entry, as aforesaid, shall appear by Certificate under the hands of the Justices of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, or by the Oaths of the Officers of the Ships with whom they shall be Entered, shall Receive a Months Pay as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, which shall be Paid them before the respective Ships to which they belong shall Sail. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen to Repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, and give their Constant Attendance, for fitting out to Sea such Ships as each of them do belong unto. And We are also Graciously pleased to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall likewise be Allowed to such able Seamen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves on Board any of Our said Ships, according to the true meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for the prevention of any Deceits and Abuses that may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entering him or themselves on Board any other of Our said Ships, as aforesaid, in Order to the Obtaining of the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall leave any of the Ships or Vessels to which they belong, and Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in Order to the Obtaining of the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ship, which they shall so leave, but also be severely Punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Three and twentieth Day of February, 1693. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

God save King William and Queen Mary.

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